

MEMORIAL COLUMBARIUM

First United Methodist Church,
Shreveport

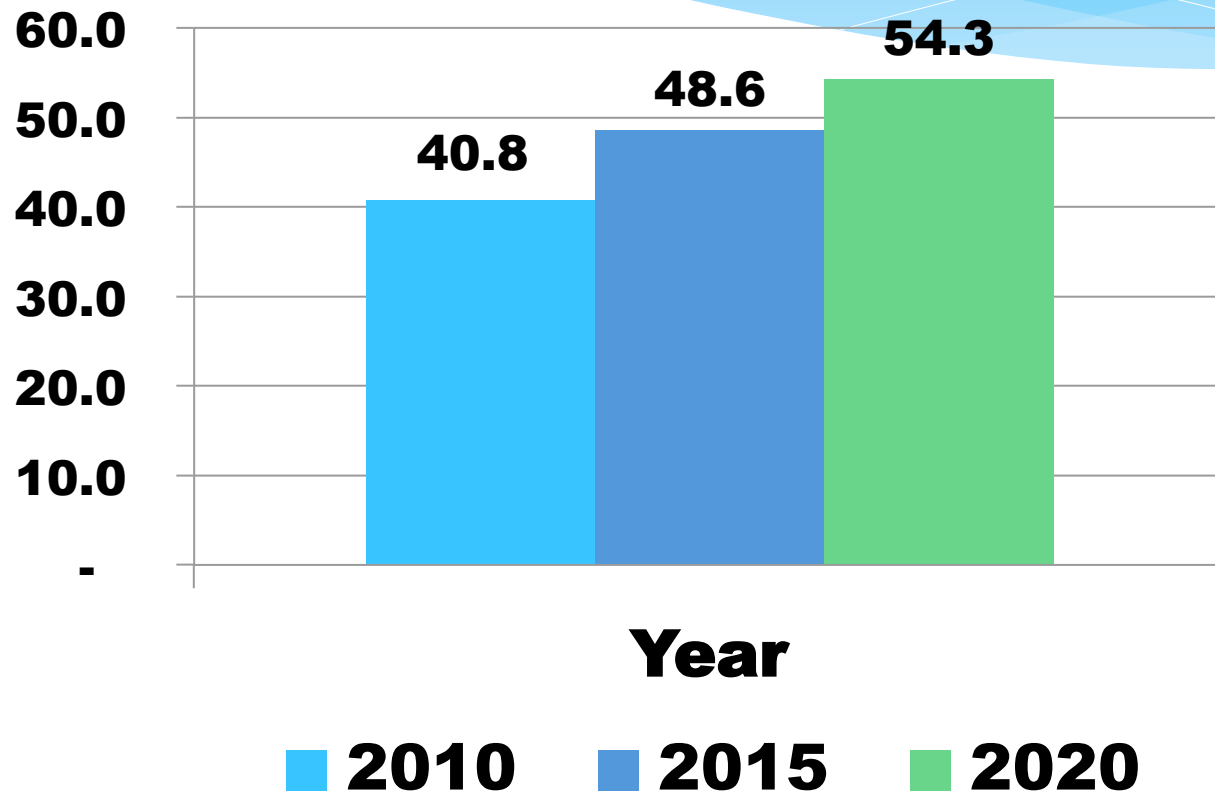
Personal Estate Plan

- * Make estate decisions, in conjunction with family, heirs, and professional advisors**
- * Make pre-need arrangements for end-of-life necessities**

Additional Ministry

- * Enhance sacredness of 1999 Memorial Garden with Columbarium (294 niches)**
- * Cremation within United Methodist and many other Christian religious traditions**
- * Acknowledge increasingly prevalent personal decisions for cremation**

U.S. Cremation Percentage



Source: Cremation Association of North America

Governance

- * Policy by Trustees, Senior Pastor, Church Council, Charge Conference**
- * Implementation by Business Office and volunteer Columbarium Committee (appointed Church members and Clergy)**

Eligibility

- * Association with First United Methodist Church, Shreveport**
- * Not competing with commercial cemeteries**

Right of Inurnment

- * Columbarium is a component of the Church**
- * No property ownership by Subscriber**
- * Subscribe for usage vs. purchase**
- * Perpetual right of inurnment**

Subscription

- * One-Time Subscription Fee: \$2,500**
 - *\$1,000 per niche for usage accommodating two urns**
 - *\$1,500 per niche as donation supporting construction and maintenance (tax advantaged)**

Certificate of Rights

- * Issued by Church as confirmation of subscription of niche usage rights**
- * Subscriber's documentation of decision for inurnment in Church's Columbarium**

Termination of Rights

- * Subscriber notifies Church of decision to relinquish usage rights**
- * Church refunds usage fee (\$1,000) without interest--but not donation (\$1,500)**
- * Church regains niche and may offer for subscription**

Planning Factors

- * Plan Personal Estate: consider subscribing for Columbarium niche**
- * Obtain additional information**

Sources of Information

- * Church & Manufacturer Websites**
- * Brochure**
- * Policies and Certificate documents**
- * Clergy**
- * Columbarium Committee**